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**ARCHIVES TO HOST PREVIEW SCREENING OF *VICTORIA*
JANUARY 10, 2017 AT 5:30 PM**

Montgomery, AL (12/20/16) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History will host a free, sneak preview screening of the highly anticipated, new PBS drama, *Victoria*, on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 5:30 pm**. Archives Textile Curator Ryan Blocker will present *Victorian Fashion: From the Skin Out* followed immediately by the screening at 6:00 pm. Admission to both the presentation and the screening is **free**. **No advance registration or tickets required.**

Victoria, a new series about the epic life of Queen Victoria, will air on MASTERPIECE on PBS in 2017 in the Sunday night time slot occupied for six years by *Downton Abbey*. Jenna Coleman (Doctor Who) stars as the young Victoria, a tiny (4'11"), neglected teenager who overnight became Queen and eventually the most powerful woman in the world. The first season of the drama will follow Victoria from the time she becomes Queen in 1837 at the age of 18, through her courtship and marriage to Prince Albert.

Before the screening, Curator Ryan Blocker will give a presentation focused on the history and evolution of Victorian-era clothing including the significance and function of each garment.

This program is presented in partnership with Alabama Public Television. For questions or more information call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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